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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 4)

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TAGS: CPRS, RO (MUNTEANU, MARY)
SUBJECT: PROPERTY CASE OF MUNTEANU

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LENGTHY, GARBLED TELEX FROM MARY MUNTEANU CONCERNING HER OUTSTANDING CLAIM AGAINST GOR FOR ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR THREE APARTMENTS CONFISCATED UNDER TERMS OF DECREE 223. INFOFAR AS WE CAN DECIPHER MUNTEANU'S MESSAGE, SHE INTENDED TO ADDRESS IT TO ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER MANEA NANESCU. FRANKLY, HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO TRANSMIT HER MESSAGE TO MANESCU DUE TO LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN HER MESSAGE.

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL UPON DEPARTMENT TO BRING MRS. MUNTEANU UP TO DATE ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY US ON HER BEHALF AND TO SOLICIT FROM HER SOMEWHAT CLEARER PICTURE OF HER VIEW OF PRESENT STATUS OF HER CLAIM. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, MRS. MUNTEANU'S CLAIM WAS ONE OF THREE PARTICULAR CASES ADDRESSED IN AMBASSADOR'S LETTER OF MARCH 17 TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BURTICA. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT, AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO BOTH BURTICA AND FINANCE MINISTER NICULESCU URGING EARLY RESPONSE TO OUR MARCH 17 LETTER. NICULESCU REPLIED THAT GOR
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HAS ONCE AGAIN GONE BACK TO APPROPRIATE JUDET AUTHORITIES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WILL BE REPLYING TO MARCH 17 LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRESUMABLY, GOR RESPONSE WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO MUNTEANU'S CLAIM.

3. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT MRS. MUNTEANU IN FACT

ACCEPTED OFFER OF 40,000 LEI AS COMPENSATION FOR ONE OF THREE APARTMENTS PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY HER. SUBSEQUENT TO ACCEPTING COMPENSATION, MRS. MUNTEANU PRESSED CLAIM FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION THROUGH A LAWYER AND IN LETTERS ADDRESSED TO ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CONGRESSMAN VANIK AND SENATOR METZENBAUM. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF ANY RESULT OR LEGAL ACTION UNDERTAKEN AS CONSEQUENCE OF HER HAVING EMPLOYED A LAWYER TO PRESS HER CLAIM. ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT COULD GENERATE ON THIS POINT THROUGH CONTACT WITH MRS. MUNTEANU MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN FURTHER DEVELOPING THIS CASE.

4. EMBASSY WILL BE COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH MRS. MUNTEANU, INFORMING HER OF RECEIPT OF TELEX MENTIONED ABOVE AND BRINGING HER UP TO DATE ON HER CASE AS WE VIEW IT. GIVEN LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, EMBASSY FEELS THAT MORE DIRECT COMMUNICATION, BY TELEPHONE OR LETTER, WITH MRS. MUNTEANU MIGHT EXPEDITE CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF MERITS OF CASE AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION. ADDRESS OF MRS. MUNTEANU AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY IS 34744 LAKE SHORE, APT. 202, EAST LAKE, OHIO 44094. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SHE MIGHT BE CONTACTED THROUGH HER SON, MR. J. MUNTEANU AT 198 PAXTON ROAD, EAST LAKE, OHIO.

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